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SUBJECT: SFCP: US-POLISH JOINT BOARD: INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL
ARRANGEMENTS

REF: A) WARSAW 0454; B) WARSAW 0749; C) STATE 010600

1. AFTER CAREFUL STUDY OF POINTS IN REF A AND B, DEPT.
REQUESTS EMBASSY PRESENT TO POLES WITHOUT CHANGE U.S.
PROPOSAL PER PARA 1B REF C.

2. EMBASSY MAY DRAW UPON FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL EXPLANATIONS:
U.S. POSITION DOES NOT CONTAIN ANYTHING NEW AND IN NO WAY
REQUIRES RENEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENTS WITH POLAND. ARTICLE
VI OF JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT, UNTIL SEPTEM-
BER 30, 1978, TRAVEL COSTS SHALL BE PAID IN SAME MANNER AS
AGREED IN STOESSEL-KRZAK AGREEMENT, PARA 1B OF WHICH STATES
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TRAVEL MUST BE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF U.S. OR IN CONNEC-

TION WITH ACTIVITIES FINANCED BY USG. THE QUOTE IN SAME MANNER UNQUOTE PHRASE IN FUNDING AGREEMENT INCORPORATES LIMITATION CONTAINED IN PARA 1B. CLEAR STATEMENTS BY U.S. DELEGATION DURING NEGOTIATION OF ARTICLE VI SUPPORT THIS INTERPRETATION AS DOES ARTICLE VI SEPTEMBER 30, 1978, CUTOFF DATE, WHICH WAS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH SIDES AS DATE UPON WHICH U.S. EXCESS ZLOTYS WERE THEN EXPECTED

TO BECOME UNAVAILABLE, WITH FUNDING OF COOPERATIVE PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY POLAND THEREAFTER. THUS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL MUST BE BY PERSONS ON OFFICIAL U.S. BUSINESS OR IN CONNECTION WITH U.S. FUNDED ACTIVITIES FOR U.S. TO BE REQUIRED BY THESE AGREEMENTS TO FUND TRAVEL WITH U.S. OWNED EXCESS ZLOTYS. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO FUND ANY TRAVEL WITH DOLLARS OR TO PURCHASE ZLOTYS WITH HARD-CURRENCY DOLLARS. THE STOESSEL-KRZAK PARA 4 PHRASE QUOTE SUBJECT ONLY TO THE ANNUAL BUDGETARY FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE UNQUOTE REFERS TO SFCP APPROPRIATIONS PROCEDURE. WHILE U.S. PROJECT FUNDS, INCLUDING AMOUNTS NEEDED FOR TRAVEL, MUST BE OBLIGATED BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1976, THESE OBLIGATIONS MAY BE LIQUIDATED FOR TRAVEL UNTIL AND EVEN AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 1978. IT OCCURS TO US POLES COULD FINANCE TRAVEL WITH MINIMAL HARD CURRENCY EXPENDITURE BY PAYING LOT WITH ZLOTYS.

3. IF POLES CONTINUE TO RESIST INSCRIBING THIS ITEM ON FORMAL AGENDA, EMBASSY MAY STATE U.S. DOES NOT INSIST ON THIS BUT U.S. WILL IN ANY EVENT WISH TO DISCUSS SUBJECT PRIVATELY WITH POLISH DELEGATION.

4. LETTER FROM GANLEY TO DCM WITH ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND FOR EMBASSY'S INFO ONLY HAS BEEN POUCHED. INGERSOLL

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